Parish Financial Update

You will find inside the Income/Expense report for the 1st quarter of the fiscal year (July – September). I would like to explain the information so that you understand the financial needs of the parish.

The BALANCE SHEET shows the Assets and Liabilities. About 1/3 of the way down (left column), you will see **"Loan Principle (new Rectory)" – $117,099.43.** The rectory was purchased in the spring of 2011 for $225,000. Initially, the parish made a down payment of $25,000 from savings. Since then monthly payments have been paid on a loan from the Contingency Fund. People were asked to make 5 year pledges, and thus far we have been able to make timely loan payments. Thank you to all who have contributed and continue to give on your pledges. If you are new to the parish, please consider helping with this expense. If you donate for the rectory, please write *"new rectory"* on the memo line.

The quarterly report shows that expenses exceeded income by $23,783.18. This was due to large expenditures for major repairs and a decrease in the collections. The line item for **Annual Building Improvements** ($19,944.78) includes parking lot asphalt repairs and coating ($12,575.88), as well as a new water softener in the hall, repairing the water softener and replacing the heat pump in the rectory. We anticipated the parking lot repair, but the rectory equipment repairs were a surprise. Nevertheless, expenses for the first quarter are within the budget approved by the Finance Council.

Last year, we had a computer failure which resulted in a loss of parishioner contribution records. This is due to a computer system that is old and malfunctioning. We budgeted $2,500 for technology. Over the last few weeks, we obtained price quotes for a four phase upgrade: (1) infrastructure, (2) new server, (3) system (computers, etc.) and (4) wireless. It is absolutely necessary to do phases 1 and 2 immediately for a cost of almost $5,900.00. That amount exceeds our budget, but we plan to be frugal in other areas. Phases 3 and 4 will cost about $5,500 more, so we may not be able to afford them until the next fiscal year. These upgrades are essential. For example, one staff member does not have a computer here, so she uses her personal computer at her home.

Income from contributions was $61,655 vs. $70,401 during the same three month period in 2012, a decrease of almost $9,000. If people were traveling during those months, which might explain the big drop in income. As you donate, do you give based on a budget (e.g., $100/mo.), or does your donation vary based on what money you might have when you come to Mass?

Prayerfully consider making a budget commitment to give a certain percentage of your income. To budget a certain amount is an indication that Church is an essential part of life. It reflects a *stewardship* based approach to giving, one which sees all as gift so I need to return those gifts to the Lord. Also, please consider contributing with automatic payments (electronic withdrawals or check pay service). A form for electronic withdrawals is included in this bulletin. For more information on this, contact Larry Williamson.

Peace in Christ, Fr. Steve

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy:
Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy:
Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration:
Wednesday, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

OLBH Parish News

OLBH Prayer Chain/Card Ministry

If you or someone you know needs prayer or a card for shut-ins, illness, sympathy, etc., please contact the Parish Office at 787-5168 or Mary Langbehn at 350-1907.

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns

Joe Creek
Henry Maicki
Jim Wranek
Ray Walz
Don Thrall
Richard Ptacek
Pam Deaver
John Schaub (brother of Suzanne Wilhelmi)
Fr. Arni Kari
Marcella Kraft

Pam Jones (daughter of Dennis and Judy Schumacher)
Dawn Massie (Daughter of Patty Creek)

Repose of the Soul

Keith Gamroth (brother of Alma Gamroth**)**
Marion Serr
Brandon Delzer
Mary Barbara Smith

**Names will remain on our list for one month. Please contact the parish office to request continued prayers*

The Collection Basket

November 16 & 17

Collection	3686.00
Adopt a Seminarian	0.00
Bottles for Hope	27.50
Rectory	320.00
Total	$4,033.50

Please prayerfully consider automatic payments via electronic withdrawals or check service. See Larry Williamson in the office for details or call 787-5168.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistants Needed

The morning classes of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3-6 year olds) is in need of two assistants beginning in January. One assistant is needed for the remainder of the faith formation calendar, and one assistant is needed for the month of January to help cover maternity leave for a current assistant. We would also like to wish Tasha Seyer and her family the best of luck on their move to Minnesota. Please contact Megan Hamer at 787-5168, or megan.hamer@olbh.org if you are interested in being an assistant.

Piedmont Valley Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Piedmont Valley Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Black Hawk Community Church Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 PM. The collection this year will be given to the SD Rancher Relief Fund.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is now up and filled with tags. Please take a tag and consider this as part of your Christmas treasure stewardship. All gifts should be **returned no later than December 8th** with tags attached but **unwrapped.** All gifts stay in the Piedmont, Black Hawk, and Summerset areas. If you know of someone in our area who is in need of Christmas giving, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thanks once again for your participation in the Annual Diocesan Appeal. If you have not yet turned in your pledge for the Annual Diocesan Appeal, please do so. You can place your pledge form in a Sunday collection basket, turn it in to the parish office or you can mail it in the pre-addressed pledge envelope. Pledge forms are available through the parish office.

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

November 25 to December 1, 2013

Monday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4 (*green*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: Jodi Kaup

7:00 pm: Cub Scouts

Tuesday, November 26

Readings: Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11 (*green*)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: Tom Ryan

5:00 pm: Lumko Praying the Bible

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 27

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19 (*green*)

6:30 am: Early Bird Bible Study

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy

Mass Intention: Alfred Biegler

8:30 am – 6:30 pm: Adoration

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving Day

Readings: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 138:1-5; I Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 *(white)*

9:00 am: Liturgy

Mass Intention: OLBH Staff; +Most Rev. John Stariha (1915)

Friday, November 29

Readings: Dn 7:2-4; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Necrology: + Rev. Andrew Staricek (2003); + Rev. William Pauly, S.J. (2006)

Saturday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt. 24:37-44 (Violet)

9:00 – Noon: Food Pantry

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: Masses for Life

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt. 24:37-44 (Violet)

9:00 am: Liturgy

Mass Intention: Pope Francis' intention for December: Victimized Children - That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: Morning Faith Formation – PreK-5th & Adult; RCIA (Reformation to Vatican II)

3:45 pm: Faith Formation Meal

6:00 pm: Liturgy

Mass Intention: OLBH Parish Community; OLBH sister parishes at Bullhead, Kenel, McIntosh, McLaughlin, Watauga, and Wakpala

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Communal Penance Services

Blessed Sacrament: 7:00 PM, December 2

Our Lady of the Black Hills: 7:00 PM December 3

Catherine of Alexandria

Weekly Ministry Schedule

Thanksgiving Day; November 30 & December 1

	Thanksgiving 9:00 am	Saturday Evening 5:00 pm	Sunday Morning 9:00 am	Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Nathan Sparks	Fr. Steve	Fr. Steve
Deacon	N/A	Walt Wilson	Deacon Greg Sass	Deacon Greg Sass
Musicians/Cantor	Regena Thrall Lorraine Rieth-Ptacek	Family Choir Julie Jensen	Regena Thrall Marty Quinn	Covenant Band Maria Hartung
Bread Baker	N/A	Deb Steele		
Altar Servers	Assembly Volunteers	Alexandrea Blaha Daylen Rhodes Dezmond Rhodes	Gwen Johnson Andrew Denekamp Emily Johnson	Paige Gehlsen Carter Neilan Andrew Neilan
Precious Body	Assembly Volunteers	Jacqui Blaha	Brenda Jacobs	Aaron Johnson
Precious Blood	Assembly Volunteers	Patty Cresalia Charlie Desmond Eileen Desmond Walt Wilson	Lorinda Collings Bev Kramer Greg Sass Jean Schubauer	Sharon Long Greg Sass Marlys Sears Deb Steele
Lectors	Larry Williamson	Carrie Baker Judy Wilson	Cathleen Denekamp Marty Quinn	Jay Hammerquist Pauline Stoffel
Sacristans	Assembly Volunteers	Ken Van Asma Kathy Van Asma	Barb Erickson Gary Erickson	Matthew Blauvelt Brad Blauvelt Mary Blauvelt
Hospitality	Assembly Volunteers	Pam Freeman Ken Freeman	Carter Johnson Annemarie Johnson	Joseph Wilhelmi Michael Wilhelmi

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please arrange for your replacement

Safe Faith Environment

Safe Faith Environment Training is mandatory for all paid staff and adult volunteers – please contact Teresa Thompson in the Parish Office at 787-5168 for information. **Upcoming training opportunities: St. Therese December 5 at 7:00 PM.**

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Barbara Scherr (605)209-3418

Confidential and Caring: The role of the Victim Assistance Coordinator is to support "as a knowledgeable companion, persons who bring complaints of sexual misconduct by church personnel either to their attention or to the attention of the diocese."

Diocese of Rapid City, PO Box 678 Rapid City, SD 57709

Ready for a party~ OLBH will soon be 100 years old!

We are looking for people who would be interested in being part of the Centennial Committee. In 2016, OLBH will celebrate its 100-year anniversary! The 100-year anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the lives and works of all who have worshiped here and been a part of the OLBH Family. We hope to enlighten the past and provide a vision of hope for the future! If you are interested in helping plan this monumental event, please sign up in the narthex. For questions, please contact Phillip Thompson at 791-4231

Diocesan Hospitality Survey
An Invitation from Bishop Gruss

As part of our effort to renew stewardship within the framework of Hospitality/Faith/Discipleship, which we are calling Faithful Stewardship: A Catholic Way of Life, I am inviting all Catholics in western South Dakota to complete an online survey about Hospitality. Visit the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org<http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org> and click on the hospitality survey icon for more information.

Benefit Dinner for Philippine Typhoon Victims

Typhoon Haiyan, the most powerful cyclone to ever make landfall, has left the Philippines in devastation. Please join the Filipino community of Rapid City in supporting the millions of displaced and suffering Filipinos. A traditional Filipino dinner will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd, Rapid City on Sunday, Dec 1. Choose between two seating times, 4 pm or 6 pm. Tickets cost $10 each. Call or text Ruby Matejcik at 430-7392 to purchase tickets. Cash donations are also welcome. Mail a check payable to RC Philippine Typhoon Relief, PO Bo 1857, Rapid City, SD 57709 or make a deposit to the Rapid City Philippine Typhoon Relief account at any Wells Fargo location. All proceeds will be sent to the Philippine Red Cross and local relief agencies in central Philippines. Maraming salamat po (thank you very much)!

What it means to be a mature Catholic

From Zach and Derek – recently confirmed OLBH students.

To me a mature adult/catholic must be strong in his faith, keep his promises to other people, show by example and be an all-around good citizen.

Our Lady of the Black Hills E-tithing Authorization

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